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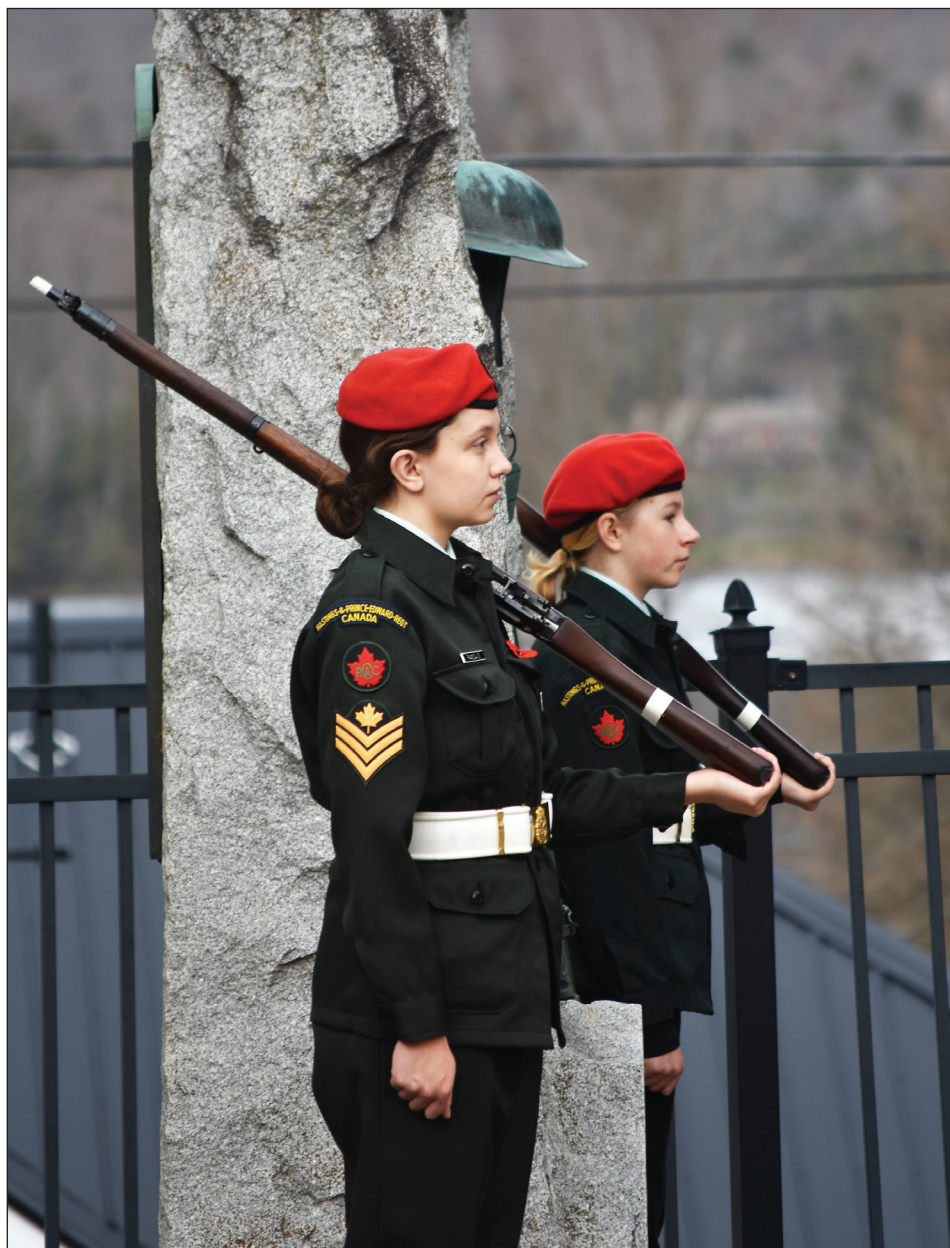
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Rumours of OPP detachment consolidation

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

County council has asked the four lower tier municipalities to oppose a possible consolidation of OPP detachments.

County council discussed rumours during a special meeting on Nov. 9 that OPP detachments in Haliburton Highlands and City of Kawartha Lakes would merge. The rumour also holds that the Haliburton detachment commander will be replaced with a mere manager.

Warden Liz Danielsen said the con-

cerns are based on "consistent rumblings" within the community.

"There were concerns by the four mayors that there would be a serious impact on the services provided in Haliburton County should that take place," she said.

The mayors and CAOs of Minden Hills, Highlands East, Algonquin Highlands, and Dysart met last week with Chief Superintendent Dwight Peer, central region commander, and other high ranking OPP officers to get clarification on the rumours.

Peer assured the Haliburton delegation

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Wearing masks can alleviate strain on hospital resources: chief physician

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Respiratory illnesses continue to surge at the four health care facilities in the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit's catchment area.

Dr. Nicole Bocking, the unit's medical officer of health, introduced the health system's triple threat to health board members on Nov. 10.

The Triple Threat refers to influenza, COVID-19, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) that's proving to be quite infectious this season. They're causing havoc at hospitals locally and provin-

cially.

RSV usually seriously affects younger children more than older children and adults. But, it can cause outbreaks in long-term care homes.

"In particular, the combination of all three is putting significant pressure on Emergency Departments, primary care, walk-in clinics, and in-patient units at hospitals," Bocking said.

There's been a dramatic increase that shows a more than doubling of visits to emergency rooms in the region every week.

"The volume this year is higher than previous years," she said.

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Honourably guarding the cenotaph

1129 Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment army cadets Lillian Ramsdale, left, and Naomi Bainbridge stand at the cenotaph on Highland Street during the Haliburton Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday, Nov. 11. See more photos on page 8. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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No consolidation if municipalities are opposed

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that consolidation of the detachment commands wasn't finalized and that it was only an option being discussed as a means to achieve efficiencies within the police service.

The possible merging of detachment commands would not happen if the local municipalities were opposed to the concept.

As such, county council asked each municipality to

discuss the issue before the end of 2022 and to voice their opposition to Peer and OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique.

Councillor Brent Devolin said the municipalities pay the OPP directly for policing. It isn't a function of the county, per se, and he thanked the upper tier council for starting the rally against possible detachment consolidation.

He said they were caught off guard by the possibility, but the meeting with OPP brass was productive and yielded assurance the wishes of the municipal councils were paramount in the decision process.

"They (OPP) need to have engagement," Devolin said. "We're the ones paying the tab here and ... they need to dialogue with us."

He said the police services board that's in the works will be an effective avenue for communication between the police and communities.

"I hope this is the beginning of a long-term engagement," Devolin said.

Councillor Carol Moffatt said it was inappropriate that there was no ahead-of-the-game consultations.

"I don't believe for a second that command consolidation would not have any impact on the services that we are providing to the community, especially in the face of the growth we are seeing," Moffatt said.

The county is facing many issues directly tied to growth, she said.

"As much as it was suggested nothing would change, I just don't believe that," she said.

Replacing the commander at the Haliburton detachment with a manager is "absolutely unacceptable and an insult to our community," Moffatt said. "A lot of people have worked very hard for the establishment and retention of policing services in Haliburton County. Our growth requires more policing services, more robust services and relationships. Not less."

Councillor Cecil Ryall said each of the four municipalities need to share consistent information on the issue.

"So that when we as lower tier councils discuss this, we will have a consolidated set of information that is uniform across all four municipalities," he said, and added that a uniform front will make it so that the local townships can't be ignored by the OPP decision-makers.

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Hospital capacities are an 'elevated level,' causing longer wait times

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In a span of two weeks, health care facilities went from being at a moderate level to an elevated level. Moderate is higher than expected for this time of year.

The elevated level: "This is more than what we would be anticipating for this time of year," Bocking said.

And that's contributing to much longer wait times for patients in Emergency Departments. It's adding to the burdens of overworked primary and senior care providers. Difficulty in patients being able to access walk-in clinics, she said.

"Overall, not only a shortage of health care workers contributing to the challenge, but also much higher than normal of visits coming to the Emergency Department for respiratory ailments," Bocking said.

COVID-19 is contributing to the burden, but it isn't the only piece of the puzzle.

"We're already seeing more influenza activity than we've seen in some Januarys," Bocking said.

There's been much discussion about whether the provincial chief medical officer of health should bring back the mask mandate for indoor settings. Bocking said it's recommended that masks be worn in crowded indoor public places.

"This isn't just about someone saying, 'I'm young, I'm healthy, I don't need to wear a mask, I'm not worried, it's just a cold'," she said. "It's also about protecting all those people around you."

Protecting other people around you, the people you come into contact with throughout the day, is helping to alleviate some of the strain on the health care system, Bocking said.

"We've gone through a period of time where many people were quite happy to put their masks to the side and pretend that we weren't dealing with it," she said. "I think reality is here for the fall, which we were expecting to come. Now is the time for everyone to start paying attention."

Children nine years old and younger are the largest age group presenting infections at emergency rooms. The risk of hospital admission is lower for younger people, she said. They can most often be managed in the Emergency Department.

"The challenge right now is they might not be able to get as timely care in the Emergency Department," Bocking said. "And then we still get a high number of admission in total."

That's why many pediatric intensive care units throughout the province are at over-capacity, and older children are having to be transferred to adult ICUs.

"We see the largest pediatric ICUs having to transfer kids to other ICUs," she said. "We see surgeries being cancelled that would require ICU care for kids. That might be a heart surgery or something like that that's not an emergency but they still need that surgery cancelled or postponed because there isn't enough beds in the pediatric ICU."

County creates new position to monitor lake health

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County has created a planning technologist position for the Lake Health Monitoring Program.

Council agreed to the new administrative position Nov. 9 during a special meeting. Funding for the position has to be allotted in the 2023 budget. That could be \$75,000 annually for salary and incidentals such as benefits.

The position is proposed to be part of the administrative unit as per the collective agreement between the county and the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1960.

The planning technologist would be responsible for assembling scientific information from government agencies and community-based organizations who monitor the health of the county's lakes.

This data will be used by the Planning Department to establish a base line understanding of the condition of lakes. This information can then be presented in an annual report on state of the county's lakes to county council.

Information will be assembled in one place where it can be availed of by researchers and community groups, said Steve Stone, the county's director of planning.

The person in the role shouldn't be construed to be the source of all the information for all the problems that

may arise regarding lake system health.

"The position is a staff liaison with any future watershed council that county council decides to implement," he said.

The Lake Health Monitoring Program (LHMP) was created in early 2022. It's to facilitate work with organizations to confirm and update the percentage of shoreline that remain in a natural and/or regenerative state.

The program aims to establish recommended targets for naturalization, to review upper and lower-tier bylaws and planning documents and identify those that require amendments.

Public information will also be developed through the program that could be shared now and when a bylaw is adopted.

County staff proposed during the Oct. 26 meeting that Haliburton's Lake Health Monitoring Program could be modelled after the District of Muskoka's program.

The Muskoka Water Strategy places emphasizes on building relationships and sharing resources with other organizations while encouraging greater community involvement in lake health.

The Muskoka strategy is to guide and minimize the impact of human activities on water resources, to ensure human and environmental health, and to preserve the quality of life in the community.

In Haliburton County, lake health monitoring is being undertaken by a number of cottage associations with a new two-year program being initiated by U-links next summer.

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Water quality is the underpinning of our economy, and these are great endeavours. I look forward to others continuing on and protecting all of our interest in our community.

— Brent Devolin,
Mayor of Minden Hills

The existing Shoreline Tree Preservation and new Shoreline Preservation bylaws can be considered to be a stewardship program.

County council commissioned the Haliburton Flood Plain Mapping Project for the Gull and Burnt Rivers. This project is due to conclude in 2024, and its deliverables will be used to update policies governing development around lakes and rivers.

Climate change is affecting lakes and rivers in many ways, including through rising water temperatures, increased sedimentation and pollution, changes to hydrology, and more frequent and intense flooding and droughts.

"Healthy lakes and rivers play an important role in protecting aquatic systems from the impacts of climate change, via temperature moderation, wave attenuation, sediment and pollutant capture, erosion reduction and the mitigation of storm surge and debris movement," Stone wrote in a report to council.

The County's Lake Health program could play a critical role in the earlier detection of water quality degradation in our vulnerable Haliburton's lakeside and riverine communities.

In addition, staff proposed to undertake a more in-depth evaluation of the cost to establish in 2023 the Lake Health Monitoring Program modelled after Muskoka's.

Councillor Carol Moffatt said creating the technologist position is a good thing that aligns with so many other things county is trying to do for the future of the community.

Coun. Cecil Ryall said the new position will benefit anybody who appreciates the quality of local lakes and how important they are.

Coun. Brent Devolin said his reason for becoming involved with municipal politics was due largely to water issues.

"I pass this torch forward and trust that the future councils will see the value that we've seen," he said. "Water quality is the underpinning of our economy, and these are great endeavours. I look forward to others continuing on and protecting all of our interest in our community."

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Haliburton's Santa Claus Parade is bigger than ever

JERELYN CRADEN

Special to the Echo

Once upon a time, eighteen Christmases ago, Santa came to Haliburton Village waving and spreading joy from atop a mighty new float pulled by his beloved reindeer promising to return every year. And, thanks to the Haliburton & District Lions Club members who built that glorious float and to co-sponsor, the Haliburton BIA, he will be back again on Friday, Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Haliburton Santa Claus Parade, and you're invited!

Jim Frost, past president of Haliburton's local Lions Club, and consummate community event action hero, is as excited as ever. And so is Luke Schell, Haliburton BIA president who said, "Jim Frost has done another great job of organizing the parade along with his fellow Lions. We expect, once again, to have people lining Highland Street, many arriving early for the singing of Christmas carols led by Gord Kidd (at 5:30 p.m.) and tree lighting (at 6:00 p.m.) at the village square."

"The tree goes up this year on Sunday morning, Nov. 20," Frost said, "and is being donated by Barb and Vince Hammond. The fire department always puts it up for us. We invite parents and their kids to come by any time after the tree goes up to hang an ornament on it."

"This year we have over thirty floats," Frost said, "the most we've ever had. There will be two great bands – the Kawartha Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps from Lindsay, very large and very popular, who have been in the parade for many years, and the Pipes and Drums of Lindsay. There might even be horses."

Among those participating in the



Santa Claus is coming to the village of Haliburton on Friday, Nov. 25 for the Haliburton and District Lions Club annual Santa Claus Parade. /Photo submitted

parade are: The Turtle Guardians, the Shriners, Burtch Construction, Rotary Club of Haliburton. "Dysart and the Haliburton Museum (Andrea Mueller and Kate Butler) are putting a float together," Frost said. "Minden Pride and Camexicanus always have a lot of music on their floats. Skyline Dance Studio will be in the parade and just might do a dance routine. The new Haliburton [County] hockey team, the Huskies, will also be there as well as Sir Sam's Ski/Ride. Jamie Schmale, MP and Laurie Scott, MPP will also add to the festivities."

The list goes on.

"Of course, the most exciting part of the Santa Claus parade is Santa Claus!" Frost said. "His float is filled with music, lights, and reindeer that move up and down, with Santa standing in his festive red suit waving to the crowd."

The Lions will walk in front of the Santa

Claus float, while Canadian postal workers will be on the parade route collecting letters for Santa.

This year's theme: Toyland in Haliburton

For all those participating in the Santa Claus parade, Frost suggests taking this year's theme Toyland in Haliburton and being creative with it. "Have fun incorporating it into your floats, with music, lights and colourful decorations."

For safety purposes, those with floats are being asked to have a person walk on either side to prevent spectators from coming too close.

As the parade begins ...

The OPP will lead the parade followed

by Dysart fire trucks, an EMS ambulance, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Colour Guard and the Pipes & Drums of Lindsay.

History of the Santa Claus Float

In 2004, Sam Charlton, Jim Meadows, Ernie Winterburn and Ken Noble had an idea to build a Santa Claus float for Haliburton Village and were sponsored by the Haliburton & District Lions Club and the Haliburton BIA with contributions from local residents and businesses.

The four men put in 3,000 hours of labour. Charlton had the vision of what the float should look like, so he became the leader and carved all the deer from Styrofoam.

A wagon was purchased and extended to make a twenty-four-foot platform that held all of the buildings that were built from scratch: a church, toy store, and a barn for the reindeer.

The sleigh (antique cutter) was up for sale by John and Rhonda Francis. When they found out it was being used for the Santa Claus float, the price dropped substantially.

Parade Parking

For safety reasons and for better viewing, there will be no parking on Highland Street during the parade. Suggested parking – the Haliburton town docks and public parking lots.

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County hears townships' feedback to common signage plan

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The lower tier municipalities that make up Haliburton County have concerns about common countywide signage.

Scott Ovell, director of economic development, updated county council on progress toward establishing a wayfinding signage plan during a meeting Nov. 9.

The wheels were set in motion in June toward the countywide community plan. Staff were directed to present the project scope to the township councils for their consideration. The presentations were completed over the summer and fall.

In a written report to county council, Ovell said township councillors raised questions that would be to be addressed if the project is to advance.

Townships want to be able to differentiate themselves on the signage. Another concern was the inclusion of privately-owned assets on wayfinding signs, and the inclusion of vehicular-, pedestrian- and cycling-based signage.

"All those presentations were met with favourable reviews," Ovell said.

Councillor Andrea Roberts said branding is important and helpful to visitors to the county.

All townships adopted resolutions to support the development of the project,

and committed staff resources to support the identified areas within the project.

It is recommended that \$30,000 be included in the 2023 budget to complete the project.

Councillor Cecil Ryall said the wait has been long for a countywide wayfinding plan.

"I like the idea that you're going to give individuality to the municipalities," he said.

Ryall asked if evidence of the work thus far will be seen, perhaps in the first quarter next year?

"I realize we may not have anything in place by then," Ryall said.

Ovell said that would depend on the support of the incoming, recently elected county council.

"Once we get that go-ahead, we would ideally want to have something tendered by the end of the first quarter," he said.

The next phase would be concepts and plan development. A request for proposals will need to be issued to find a contractor to identify sign locations, sign types and messaging, and to recommend designs.

County staff will meet with municipalities to get an inventory of existing signage.

"We can hit the ground running and it puts us in the best position to move forward with the goal of ideally having something in the form of a plan before council in the summer or late in the summer," Ovell said.

Investigation into structure fire in Minden Hills

Emergency services responded to a fatal structure fire in the Township of Minden Hills, that occurred just before midnight on November 4, 2022.

On November 4, 2022, at 11:59 p.m., members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Minden Hills Fire Department, Haliburton Fire Department, and Haliburton EMS, responded to a structure fire in the Township of Minden Hills. A person was located deceased in the

structure.

At this time, the fire is believed to be non-suspicious.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP in conjunction with OPP Forensic Identification Services (FIS), the Office of the Fire Marshall (OFM) and the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario are continuing to investigate the incident.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Beating the November blues

IN THIS week's upcoming issue of *County Life*, Janet Trull called this month *No-vember* in her piece called *November calendar*. That is my sentiment, exactly.

Let's be honest; if you live in Canada, November is ... the worst month.

We've been lucky up until this week, but, it's usually cold, it rains and snows, trees are bare and brown, stores close earlier, and the sun goes down before many of us can get home from work.

Birds, both the ones with feathered wings and the "snow birds" with time-shares in Florida, fly south in *No-vember*.

Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta didn't sing about "November Nights," they sang, happily, about *Summer Nights*, even though the former has alliteration and is nicer to say.

Actually, the only song I know written about this month is *November Rain*. Have you heard it? It's eight minutes too long (sorry Guns N' Roses fans) and pretty bleak, so, I guess, it's a good representation of the month.

I think there are plenty of things we can focus on, though, to appreciate November, especially while living in the Highlands.

November is also "Movember;" men's health month.

The average life expectancy for Canadian men is 80 years old, while the average for Canadian women is 84 years old.

This is for a number of reasons. Men may be more reluctant to speak about their health or seek help when they feel unwell. This has led to a lack of awareness in health issues that men face.

There is still a harmful stigma around men's mental health.

November is important because the Movember Foundation is trying to change unhealthy ways of thinking about men's health. They fund cancer programs, mental health, and educa-

tion programs.

You can visit ca.movember.com to learn more about how the foundation is using the month of November to advocate for men's health.

Another important part of November is Remembrance Day. Veterans' Week was last week, and I was lucky enough to get to speak with some local veterans.

One of those veterans was Haliburton local Ed Burke. He told me about his incredible travels to countless countries while serving, for over 30 years, in the Canadian Intelligence Corps.

He shared story after story, and I could have listened all night.

That brings me to my next point: There is so much to do in Haliburton County moving in to the cold months.

I met and spoke to Ed at the Haliburton Branch 129 Legion during the weekly Meat Draw on a Friday night.

The Meat Draw really is a great social gathering place to meet and speak with so many incredible people.

Another gig that will also be happening every Friday night is Tacos

and Tunes. The Ya Babys will be playing at Castle Antiques and tacos will be served by Poquito Loco.

Camp Camexicanus has been working hard on a production of *School of Rock* and will be performing it at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion starting on Wednesday, Nov. 23. Visit www.camexicanus.ca to purchase tickets.

Santa Claus parades will be upon us in a few days. How exciting is that?

This week, our *Winter Guide* will be out on news stands, highlighting all of the fun things to do for the next few months.

November is only as dull as we let it be. *Yes-vember* doesn't have the same ring, but let's make sure we push ourselves to get out and say yes to everything it has to offer.



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Tops of trees at Ritchie Falls were illuminated by the setting sun. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

Lost and found

IT'S FUNNY how sometimes thoughts just pop into your head and surprise you. So thought Monika as she worked outside. The day was unusually mild. She had managed to put up the outdoor Christmas lights, even though the holidays weren't due for a month and a half. Not wanting to deal with freezing fingers and cold travelling right up her arms to her shoulder, she had opted to get the job done in sunshine and shirt sleeves.

This was to be an experimental year for the lights. Last year, every single string – and she had had four different ones – had been chewed by creatures unknown. But, she had a pretty good idea it had been squirrels in the cedars. A first. So, this time Monika placed her new lights away from anything that looked squirrel-friendly.

By now the leaves were all down, leaving the trees like long fingers grabbing at a softly blue sky. Green grass continued to carpet her yard while those darn squirrels ran about gathering the last of the black walnuts.

Life was good. She had that flush of accomplishment as she stood back to look at the results of her efforts. And for some reason that was when the thought suddenly appeared. Anna.

Anna had been Monika's best friend through high school. Back then, they had both been on the outside of the popular cliques of cheerleaders and party-goers. Studious, serious girls, they had hung out together in the cafeteria at lunchtime and then often at each other's house after school. When it was time to move on, Anna had gone to one university and Monika another. And so, they had drifted apart.

Now, since all this was back in the dinosaur days, Monika didn't know if Anna was even still alive. But, she was curious. Had Anna's life turned out the way she had wanted? Both girls had had dreams of a future full of art, music and travel. For Monika trade-offs and necessity had often dictated her choices and she wondered what Anna's experiences had been.

After putting away the step ladder and coming indoors for a cup of tea, Monika did what anyone would do for information. She went to the internet. Not expecting much, she typed in Anna's full name, wondering if the name was even the same. After all, often women married and, especially in the dinosaur days, their names changed when that happened. But, Anna had had a very distinctive last name so Monika hoped it hadn't changed.

Anna's family had come to Canada from the Balkans after the Second World War. Monika remembered how different Anna's house had looked from her own. Sparsely furnished with bare wooden floors, colourfully woven fabric on the back of chairs and items

made of amber resting on a side table. Anna's parents both worked, which was not usual in those days or in that neighbourhood. So, Anna had more freedom than Monika but never took advantage of that. They were such good girls, Monika mused as she scrolled down some names on the screen.

Then she thought she had found something. There was a website that looked promising. And, a picture of a woman.

Monika looked closely, trying to make out the features. The woman had illustrated a book about women in the Balkans. It fit. The name, the face and the information. But, this Anna now lived in Germany, via Australia. Monika wondered if this could still be the same person.

However, people had moved around after being displaced by the war. But, why Australia and Germany? Then a thought occurred to Monika. What if there had been more to Anna's family history? Had her parents really been who and what they had claimed to be upon entering Canada? Not everyone had been and many slipped through the cracks.

As she turned on the kettle for another tea, Monika decided to think about all this a little more before proceeding further. After all, some things lost should maybe remain that way.

Down



sharon lynch

Our road

points of view

Change of life

"AREN'T YOU going to pick that up?" the kid asked. It was a good question. But, the answer wasn't simple. That's why I looked at the coin I had just accidentally dropped and did the required mental calculations performed by anyone over 55.

First, I assessed the vertical elevation between myself and the coin. This was followed by an honest assessment of the bodily contortions and effort required to recover said coin. Then, I determined, how many people would be forced to avert their eyes during the recovery operation? And, was it cost effective? I also evaluated cell phone reception in case I needed to call a paramedic. And, finally, I determined if the coin was needed for a parking meter or a coffee.

The answers were as follows. I had dropped a quarter. It landed at my feet. Reaching for it would require serious physical effort, roughly the equivalent of touching my toes or kneeling. There were three people within line of sight that might see the plumber's crack that might accompany either

maneuver. I also estimated that the whole operation would likely take three minutes, which translated to a rate of \$5 an hour Canadian – hardly worth the effort. On the plus side, cell phone reception was adequate, should things go sideways. And lastly, I had enough coins to pay for a coffee and 30 minutes at any parking meter in town.

"I'll pass," I said smugly. "Go for it kid."

The kid did just that. Which was something I did not begrudge him, although the fact that he and his friends followed me around for the



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rest of the afternoon was a little off-putting.

Even so, I had to smile.

For, if I recall correctly, picking up money you found on the ground was one of the true joys and perhaps even the only lucrative employment opportunity enjoyed by kids of my era. Some kids were better at it than others, of course. And, not to brag, but I was one.

Maybe it was my closer proximity to the ground, but no one could snatch up a quarter, nickel, dime or copper, quicker than me. Also, I was a true innovator – being among the first to utilize the separated sole on the bottom of my sneakers to scoop up coinage.

Once, I found a five-dollar bill, which frankly was the highlight of my youth.

Back in those days, this was enough to buy a small bungalow in Scarborough with enough money left over for a modest-sized yacht.

Oh sure, there were rumors of kids who lived in even more affluent neighbourhoods who had found twenty-dollar bills. But, of course, they were rich to begin with, so they actually had their butler's pick up cash or polish the coins, which, if you ask me, detracted greatly from the achievement.

It was with this level of experience that I watched the kid work.

His pick-up was OK, although hardly quick enough. Worse still, he had completely neglected the cardinal rule. That's right. As soon as he retrieved the quarter, he offered it to me.

"What?" I said.

"It's your quarter," he replied.

A quick interrogation revealed that, even though he was 10, he was completely oblivious of the "finders keepers" rule, which, if you ask me, is further proof that our educational system is failing.

Also, he was so pleased to find the quarter that he never stopped to look to see if there was more, which is a rookie's mistake.

So, I set him straight, then pointed him to a nearby fountain. He listened carefully.

I just hope what I told him made cents.



pic of the past

A mailing envelope from the early 1900s highlights Haliburton County's biggest draw, even to this day: our lakes. In the left photo, a sportsman holds up an 18 pound lake trout at the intersection of Highland Street and Maple Street in downtown Haliburton. /Submitted by Doreen Rae

letters to the editor

Maintain your COVID vigilance

To the Editor,

After 5 booster shots and being incredibly vigilant about wearing a very good mask in public, I finally tested positive for COVID-19. Unfortunately, two of the people at a meeting had thought they had a small cold and did not test. (Lesson 1, always test if you have any cold symptoms).

The journey has not been fun; headaches, incredible fatigue, fever, loss of appetite, and a continuous hacking cough. The recovery will take

seven to 10 days and many personal events have been cancelled. So, what is my point?

Make sure you have as many of the booster shots possible; it will make the symptoms less severe and will work to mitigate "long COVID." Make sure you wear a mask in large crowds as we approach the holiday season. Be prudent and be smart; COVID-19 has not gone away.

Rick Blickstead,
Dysart et al

Not enough time given for discussion at public meeting

To the Editor:

A public meeting was recently held on the application by Harburn Holdings to amend Dysart's Official Plan and zoning bylaw to allow lot severance and condominium development on Peninsula Road on tiny, over capacity Grass Lake, a site which includes one of the largest wetlands in the area.

Despite assurances from the Dysart et al mayor and council that there would be ample opportunity to dialogue on the subject, and that there would likely be a need for two to three public meetings during this process, the public meeting was the only opportunity afforded the public during a year of growing and widespread opposition to the application. The public was clearly misled in this regard and not afforded due process. It flies in the face of planning staff's assertions that public meeting input is essential before a decision is made.

Immediately following the public meeting, council moved for a vote on the application based on a bylaw prepared ahead of the public meeting.

Council passed the application. They took no time to reflect on what they heard in several hours of presentations from concerned residents. It would seem that a decision to take a vote and pass the application had clearly been made ahead of the public meeting, and that they only went through the motions of a public meeting.

All councillors remained silent during the seven-hour meeting marathon, except John Smith, who asked several questions and whose three requests for a vote deferment were turned down. Not one question or comment from any of them.

However, when councillors were asked if they would vote, and for the vote itself, their hands could not go up fast enough. This would seem to be a clear indication that they had decided, before ever hearing from the public, to steam roll through the vote and pass the application, ignoring 19 presentations, the 900 signatures on two petitions, and 80 letters to council. Shame on council.

Laurie Magee,
Haliburton

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We will remember them

Brian Hambly salutes after placing a poppy on a wreath to conclude the 2022 Haliburton Remembrance Day ceremony. The day consisted of a pre-service given by Legion padre Gary Swagerman, the Remembrance Day parade, the ceremony at the cenotaph, and the placing of wreaths. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Piper Jim Thomson plays the same lament that was played during the funeral for Queen Elizabeth II.



Long-time Haliburton Legion Branch 129 member Ed Pickard looks towards the cenotaph, surrounded by wreaths, after the Remembrance Day ceremony.



Andy Salvatori plays the *Last Post* while the Canadian flag was put at half-mast at the Haliburton cenotaph.



President and CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services Carolyn Plummer lays a wreath on behalf of of HHHS with Legion Branch 129 sergeant-at-arms Derrick Moore.



The Haliburton Highlands Pipes and Drums led the Remembrance Day parade at the end of the ceremony from the cenotaph.

Remembrance Day ceremony in Wilberforce well attended

MICHAEL RILEY

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Remembrance Day ceremony in Wilberforce at the cenotaph, next to the municipal offices, attracted dozens of community members on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. Organized by the Wilberforce Royal Canadian Legion branch 624, veterans and residents of Wilberforce and the surrounding area came out to honour our brave men and women in uniform in all military branches, past and present, who have fought for and secured our freedoms. In addition to the veterans and community members, Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cecil Ryall was also present.

One of the organizers, Hilary Klapow, welcomed everyone and signalled the start of the ceremony. Father Ted Morris gave the opening presentation and recited the Veterans' Prayer. He told those present that Remembrance Day comes with a message, "Lest we forget," and that the people we're charged with remembering are our friends and neighbours, who in some cases, gave their lives and their good physical and mental health to fight against tyranny and for our freedom. While we cannot remember all the individuals' names, we must remember their sacrifice and their pain, as those were personal.

"Remember the wife or the mother getting that dreaded telegram 'We regret to inform you,' or the sons and daughters who would never know their father or the potential of each of those people who could no longer contribute to their family, their country or to [humankind] in general. The price we pay for liberty is eternal vigilance. Those who forget the lessons of the past are condemned to repeat them. A bully, whether in the schoolyard or the leader of a nation state, must be confronted because he'll always demand more. We're still learning this," he said.

Brenda Gallant was a new addition to the ceremony this year, and she sang *Oh Canada*, which was followed by the playing of *The Last Post* and *Reveille*, which according to the Canada.ca website on Remembrance Day draws the symbolic association between a soldier's last duty of "sitting sentry" (death) and his or her "rising" above his/her mortal duties (reveille). Two minutes of silence was then observed by all present.

After the two minutes of silence, Barb Munroe sang *Abide with Me*.

"Apparently, *Abide with Me* is a traditional song of the Legion, because I said to them, there are other lovely gospel songs. They said no, *Abide with Me* is the Legion sponsored song," she says.

This was followed by the listing of the wreaths that had been laid at the cenotaph; Sovereign, Silver Cross Mother, Government of Canada, Government of Ontario, Municipality of Highlands East, Legion, First World War Vets, World Second World War Vets, Korean War Vets, Hong Kong Vets, Afghanistan Vets, Canadian Forces, Indigenous Veterans, RCMP, OPP, Highlands East Fire Department, Deceased members and Vets, Wilberforce Vets, Canoe FM 100.9, Red Cross, Community Support and the Lion's Club.

The Act of Remembrance was then read out;

*They shall not grow old
As we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We shall remember them
to which the crowd replied;
We shall remember them.*



Wilberforce Legion president John Glassey and the Colour Party have a solemn moment as the *Last Post* and *Reveille* are played at the Wilberforce Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov. 11. /MICHAEL RILEY Staff



From left, Wilberforce Legion member Ed Otto and Norman Fowler attend the Wilberforce Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov. 11.



Father Ted Morris, recites the *Veterans' Prayer*.

Father Morris delivered the Benediction and the Royal Anthem was then sung by Gallant, who reminded everyone to remember to sing "King" [for the new King Charles III] instead of "Queen," [for the recently passed Queen Elizabeth II] which drew a few scattered laughs with people, realizing they may have made that mistake out of habit.

Overall, Munroe thought it was a nice turnout to the ceremony, and that the weather was much warmer and more pleasant than last year's service, which was colder and had snow flurries.

"It's nice to see the kids come because it doesn't mean anything to the younger generation. I mean a lot of them don't even have grandparents, in the services maybe but not in the wars," she said.

Klapow, along with Debbie Natale, has been helping out Janice Sorensen, the second vice president of the Wilberforce Legion, who was arranging the service for the last couple of weeks.

"I thought the ceremony went very well. It was great that the OPP closed off the road during the service. The hot pork lunch in Harcourt [at the Harcourt Community Centre] was great," she said.

Any donations made at the luncheon went to the Douglas C. Hatch Branch 624 Poppy Fund.

Norman Fowler said that his grandfather and uncle were in the First World War, and his father was a Lt. Cmdr. in the Canadian and the Royal Navy during the Second World War. He said there's so many stories of veterans here that people



The Colour Party marches off, led away by Wilberforce Legion president John Glassey.

don't hear about, because a lot of them are passing away and their stories are lost forever, or like his father, they just don't like to talk about their experiences in war.

"It shakes me a bit when I see some people just fluffing it off. One day, one hour, whatever it is. It's a good service, short and sweet and to the point," he said.

Fowler was glad to see some kids at the ceremony, some as young as toddlers, to

keep the tradition alive and to keep them aware of what Remembrance Day means.

"I don't know if they do it now, but the Legion used to send one of their members to the schools to explain to them what it's all about. But it's better that they're here though too," he said. "It's a good learning experience and keeps them remembering too."

Cardiff Legion hosts successful ceremony

MICHAEL RILEY

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Remembrance Day ceremony at the cenotaph went well, according to Cardiff Legion president Cameron McKenzie. In addition to the veterans and community members congregating at the cenotaph, all the students from the local elementary school also came en masse to attend the ceremony and learn what Remembrance Day is all about.

McKenzie, who is also a councillor on Highlands East council, said the ceremony at 11 a.m. went well and said it was nice that the weather had been warm and the sun had been out, which was a departure from last year when it was colder and overcast with flurries. He was there with his son Peter, a veteran of Afghanistan, and his grandson Daniel, who is in the Haliburton army cadets.

Karin Aschenarenner said it was nice that they'd gotten all the kids in on the ceremony [from the local elementary school, Cardiff Elementary School].

"All the kids were there together in a big group, from junior kindergarten to grade 3, which was nice to see, especially after the last couple of years [with COVID-19 restrictions].

Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton was at the ceremony and said that with two Legions in their township, it's hard for him to be at both services, so he tries to alternate each year (Deputy Mayor Cecil Ryall attended the Wilberforce Remembrance Day ceremony).

"The service in Cardiff was very well attended and a nice morning as well. The Cardiff school attended and took



From left, Cardiff Legion president Cameron McKenzie, Karin Aschenarenner, Jeff Bull, Trudy King, Peter McKenzie and his son Daniel enjoyed the luncheon following the Cardiff Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov. 11.

part. I had the pleasure and honour to lay the municipal wreath with my grandson Rhys, who goes to school in Cardiff. The Cardiff Legion did an excellent job with the Colour Party and service. All were invited to the Legion for lunch and refreshments. I'm very proud, and it was good to be together," he said.

McKenzie said that the planning and setup of the ceremony hadn't been too onerous.

"When you do it every year, it takes time and a little coordination. It never really changes, so it's a matter of the

ladies putting their food together. Everyone kind of knows what they need to do and our sergeant-at-arms [Henry Dickinson] deserves some credit for running our Poppy campaign and organizing the whole thing," he said.

Dickinson said it was a good crowd that ended up coming out to the ceremony.

"The kids from the school were there, so it was great to see the kids out," he said.

Suzanne Woodcox was the one that invited the kids from Cardiff Elementary to come out to the Remembrance Day ceremony,

and she says as far as she knows, all the school's kids were there that were at school on Nov. 11.

"There's only 42 of them over there, and we counted 30 some, so anyway, then we took them juice and snacks for them to have after the service," she said.

Woodcox reveals that the Legion had a poster contest for the primary grades (up to grade 3) across Canada, with the first-place finisher from each school being passed along to the provincial level for the next stage of the contest.

According to the Royal Canadian Legion national website, the poster contest is divided into two categories; colour and black and white. Entries are submitted at the branch level, then proceed to the provincial level and then the national level. Awards for winning entries are presented at all levels. Once the winning entries are forwarded to the national level, to the Legion National Foundation in Ottawa, a panel including artistic professionals, judge the artwork and the national winners are then named.

Woodcox said that the Cardiff Elementary School students contributed about 15 posters and that they had the first, second and third place entries on a table in the next room.

"They're very creative, and you have to love that they all tried hard to come up with something. It's great to have the kids participate and be aware of what Remembrance Day is all about. And it's not just the World Wars. It's Afghanistan, it's Croatia. People forget there's lots of other wars," she said. "You have to remind them."

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Diane Peacock, member of the Highland Storm executive, hugs Eric Nicholls after a celebration was held for him before the U15 hockey game on Friday, Nov. 4 to thank him for his work as scorekeeper for the team for the past 40 years. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Left, Nicholls holds up his own Highland Storm jersey given to him for serving 40 years as scorekeeper for the team at the AJ LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

Scorekeeper counts 40 years

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

For the past 40 years, Eric Nicholls attended nearly every Highland Storm hockey game held at the AJ LaRue Arena in Haliburton, quietly and humbly working behind the commotion of the game to ensure score accuracy.

Now, the spotlight is on him as he hits the buzzer on his scorekeeping career.

"I think it's time to pass the torch on to somebody else. I have mixed emotions, but it will give me more time to do things for myself," Nicholls said to the *Echo* after being recognized before the U15 game on Friday, Nov. 4.

It was the love of the game that carried Nicholls through four decades, getting to witness new players and team dynamics each season.

"It's been fun," he said. "I've seen a lot of good hockey and a lot of good players come through the league."

The Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association executive organized speeches and gifts to be given to Nicholls, surprising the life-long Haliburton resident.

"It was so nice that everyone went up to say a few words," he said, adding that it meant a lot to him after getting to know

them all so well.

"Tonight, we are gathered here to honour and say thank you to an important member of our Highland Storm family. In 1982, a young man sat down in the timekeeper spot, and the rest was history," said Diane Peacock, member of the Highland Storm executive.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts congratulated Nicholls and was impressed by his 40 years of service.

"What an accomplishment. Your dedication to minor hockey here in Haliburton really is amazing, and we are so proud of you," Roberts said in her speech.

Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) region 5 director Andy Cooke presented Nicholls with a plaque on behalf of the OMHA.

Referee in chief Brad Tate thanked Nicholls for his years of dedication, and a message from former referee Mike Brinkos, who now lives in New Brunswick, was read.

The Highland Storm executive presented the scorekeeper with his own Highland Storm jersey, complete with his last name on the back.

"He's been my mentor, and we will certainly miss him," Peacock said.

Nicholls will work as scorekeeper at the AJ LaRue Arena for the remainder of the minor hockey season before retiring.



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Girls basketball team hopes for a rebound at COSSA

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Suffering a loss at their Kawartha final game, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School girls basketball team is still celebrating.

The school hasn't had a girls basketball team for ten years until now, and they are keeping their heads in the game for the Central Ontario Secondary Schools Association (COSSA) championship this Wednesday, Nov. 16 at Norwood District High School.

Rio O'Malley, guard for the team and Grade 12 student, said their favourite part of the season has been getting to be part of the monumental moment of being the first to play on a girls basketball team at the school in a decade.

"I've really enjoyed the season, even though it's a little shorter than I'd like. I was able to meet a new friend. It was nice to just be a part of a great group of girls," Rio said. "My favorite part, 110 per cent, would be the fact that this is the first time in 10 years that Hal High has had a girls basketball team. I think us all coming together to be a part of that is my favorite part."

The team competed against Norwood District High School in their Kawartha playoff final game at HHSS on Tuesday, Nov. 8 and lost 27-44.

Rio felt the team did not play to the best of their abilities, but they are looking forward to redemption on Wednesday.

"Considering we were missing one of our best players, Avery Horner, I think we still played hard. We eventually came back into the game late in the second quarter. We just had to push ourselves to communicate, and we improved on it through out the game," Rio said.

Coach and HHSS teacher Mike Rieger said the team will compete in two games at COSSA.

"If we lose either game there, our season is over," he said.

Rieger said the team has performed far above his expectations given the fact that most of them had never played competitive basketball before.

"Overall, the season has gone really well. Every week, there was noticeable improvement, and we were competitive in all of our games so far. The biggest obstacle has definitely been the lack of experience, but everyone on the team has been really open to learning the game."

Follow the scores for the HHSS girls basketball team at www.cossa.ca/viewScores.php?leagueid=7&schoolid=28.



Tensions were high on the sidelines for Haliburton Highlands Secondary School as Tea Yates takes a shot during the Kawartha final girls basketball game against Norwood District High School. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Ceinwyn Mathura prepares to take a shot on net before her opponent can take the ball.



Abby Greenwood dribbles the ball up the court after receiving a pass from her teammate.

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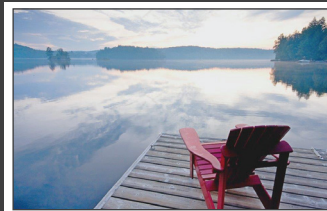
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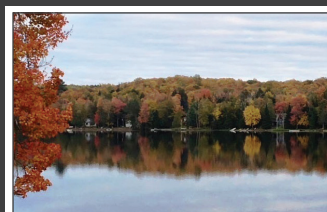
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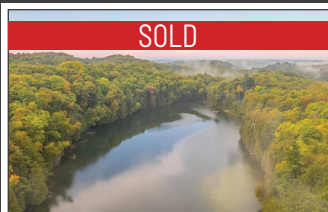
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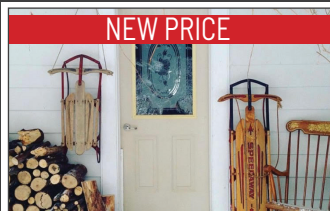
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Bringing the heat to Haliburton

Poquito Loco owner Claudette Pitre preps a burrito for a customer at Castle Antiques’ first-ever Tacos and Tunes, on Friday, Nov. 11, in downtown Haliburton. Tacos and Tunes at Castle Antiques was deemed a success Friday with the Ya Babys performing in front of a packed house while Poquito Loco served-up tacos and burritos to hungry locals. Doors at Castle Antiques opened at 5 p.m., and the Ya Babys hit the stage shortly after while a steady line of people waited to get their hands on some Mexican grub. Friday’s door fee was by donation with proceeds going to local youth mental health initiatives. Taco and Tunes will happen every Friday at Castle Antiques throughout the winter.
/Submitted by Adam Frisk



Poquito Loco mother-daughter duo Claudette Pitre and River Christiano pose for a photo.

A family enjoys some Mexican food while the Ya Babys play some live tunes at Castle Antiques’ first-ever Tacos and Tunes.



The Ya Baby’s, Mark Christiano and Craig Titus perform while a couple dances.

Local resident Susan Peel joins the Ya Babys for a floor-shaking cover of *Brown Eyed Girl*.





Those who attended Cheffing4good's first sourdough pizza event had big smiles and fully bellies. Funds raised from the event will go towards the Indian Residential School Survivors Society. /Submitted by Melissa Tong



Cheffing4good's first Haliburton event was held at Tiffany Howe Creative studio.

Connecting to create community

Originally from Mexico, Miriam Echeverria has landed here in Haliburton and brings with her a passion for food, community and connection.

In 2018, she started Cheffing4good, formerly Tribe Five Dinners, a Toronto based pop up dinner project that combined 5 Chefs with a mission and a cause. All of the proceeds would be donated to charities that focus on women and other marginalized groups.

As many things have started to reemerge after the two year pause that began in 2020, it was time to resurface, continuing to expand her charity work here in Haliburton and get to know our little community more intimately.

This year, the idea started with the love of making homemade sourdough pizzas in a stone oven. From there, with the help of myself, Melissa Tong, a coworker, a long time resident of Haliburton and community connector and collaborator, the two began a journey to connecting and creating a little more community with this project.

We could have chosen a municipal venue, and will likely do so as it grows, but for now, we wanted to make con-

nections with other locals and support small business owners. Being a neighbour unknown to Echeverria at the time of meeting and friend of myself, Tiffany Howe Creative was the perfect start.

Echeverria is passionate about raising money for the Indian Residential School Survivors Society to kick off the reemergence.

"There's been a lot of statements, education and reeducation, about what happened to Indigenous people, but this is not only the case in Canada. Colonization happened in every country, including my own, and I think we need to do more, we need to take action," said Echeverria. "I feel that as Canadians and including myself as a new Canadian, we have the responsibility of passing along the history of our indigenous peoples, to take action and encourage others to do so too. I truly feel connected to Indigenous coming from a country where we are all about celebrate Indigenous gods, foods, and race. Doing this event felt like I was contributing to the First Nations in my own country, because I believe we are all linked."

This story submission is a celebra-

tory story, as we had a very successful first fundraiser. We sold all of our pizzas and we raised over \$500. It's a small start and a small contribution, but it's a step towards action and connection.

A very special thanks to Tiffany Howe Creative on 35 Pine Street for the fun and creative space, Keegan Kyle for his hard work and dedication from start to finish,

and most of all, we would like to thank all of our pizza lovers, donators, and supporters for your hungry bellies and for coming out.

If you would like to host a future event, please contact cheffing4good@gmail.com.

Submitted by Melissa Tong

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- CLUES ACROSS

 - 1. Take weapons away from
 - 6. Soviet Socialist Republic
 - 9. Most ancient Hindu scriptures
 - 13. Actress Lathan
 - 14. Baseball's strikeout king
 - 15. British codebreaker Turing
 - 16. One who lives by disreputable dealings
 - 17. Tropical American plant
 - 18. Opposite of right
 - 19. Importance
 - 21. Monetary units
 - 22. Lawmen
 - 23. Cool!
 - 24. Affirmative answer
 - 25. Thrust horse power (abbr.)
 - 28. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
 - 29. Muslim nobleman
 - 31. About aviation
 - 33. Scientific instrument
 - 36. Protests strongly
 - 38. Not polished
 - 39. Grab
 - 41. Alias
 - 44. Large wrestler
 - 45. Relative quantities
 - 46. One who is big and awkward
 - 48. Sunscreen rating
 - 49. Atomic #90
 - 51. Mock
 - 52. Whales
 - 54. Peoples
 - 56. A state of being unclothed
 - 60. Ottoman military commanders
 - 61. Gatherer of fallen leaves
 - 62. Norse personification of old age
 - 63. Muslim mystic
 - 64. German river
 - 65. Measuring instrument
 - 66. Have witnessed
 - 67. Disallow
 - 68. Proverb
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
 - 2. The back side of the neck
 - 3. A type of imine
 - 4. Black bird
 - 5. Partner to "Pa"
 - 6. Puts together in time
 - 7. Lucid
 - 8. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
 - 9. Demonstrates the truth of
 - 10. Ancient Greek City
 - 11. Nishi language
 - 12. Slang for fidgety
 - 14. Southwestern farmers
 - 17. Metric weight unit
 - 20. Instant replay in soccer
 - 21. Less polished
 - 23. Popular pickup truck model
 - 25. Slang for a cigarette
 - 26. Large pile
 - 27. Solid geometric figure
 - 29. One from the Big Apple
 - 30. Male admirers
 - 32. Balsam is one
 - 34. Local area network
 - 35. Canadian law enforcers
 - 37. Koran chapters
 - 40. Cooperstown, NY museum (abbr.)
 - 42. Certificate (abbr.)
 - 43. An official who carries a mace of office
 - 47. Briefly in fashion
 - 49. Volcanic ash
 - 50. Dutch city
 - 52. Made of wood
 - 53. Legendary golfer
 - 55. Restaurant
 - 56. None
 - 57. Spanish city
 - 58. Stony waste matter
 - 59. Father
 - 61. Confederate soldier
 - 65. The ancient Egyptian sun god

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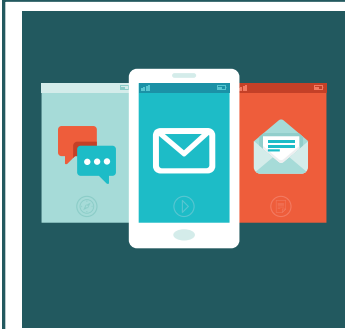


Connecting paddling and geology

John Etches gestures to the audience after his presentation about how geology influenced the lakes and rivers we canoe in today to a full room of Yours Outdoors Speakers Series attendees on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery. Renowned photographer and avid canoer, Rob Stimpson, also shared a presentation of photographs he's taken while paddling in Ontario. The Yours Outdoors Speakers Series hosts a new speaker and topic on the second Wednesday of each month. Seating is limited, and reservations can be made by calling Yours Outdoors at 705-457-0459. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Rob Stimpson shared his beautiful photographs that were taken while paddling various lakes and rivers in Ontario at the Yours Outdoors Speakers Series Rockin' the Canoe presentation on Wednesday, Nov. 9. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Have a thought, comment or opinion you'd like to share?

Send a letter to the editor to vivian@haliburtonpress.com

Lunch is On Us brings full bellies and happy smiles to Haliburton

Warmth, smiles and full bellies; that is what the SIRCH Bistro was filled with on Nov. 2 for the kick off of Lunch Is On Us.

A program that provides a pay-by-donation, hot and nutritious meal, Lunch Is On Us is taking place every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Haliburton Village.

Last week, visitors enjoyed tomato soup with a fresh bun and espresso chipotle chicken with roasted potatoes and corn.

"The food is great," said Jane as she was enjoying her meal. "We are frequent visitors of the Bistro. We come from Wilberforce."

Other guests commented on the quality of the food, the friendly staff and the warm and safe atmosphere the Bistro provides.

Executive Director for SIRCH Community Services, Gena Robertson said, "The goal of Lunch Is On Us is, ultimately, to help create more resilient communities for individuals and families and to improve mental well-being through connection with others. It's really for anyone."

Aside from Lunch Is On Us, the Bistro & Bakery is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays for breakfast and lunch, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lunch Is On Us will run every week until Mar. 29, 2023. Don't get caught waiting around, lunch is only served until 2 p.m. or while food lasts. Bring your friends, your neighbours or just yourself.

The SIRCH Bistro is located at 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton.

Submitted by SIRCH Community Services



It was all smiles at Lunch Is On Us on Nov. 2 as guests of all ages enjoyed a pay-by-donation meal at the SIRCH Bistro. Every Wednesday from now until the end of March, diners can enjoy a hot lunch at the Bistro, as well as some connection with their friends and neighbours. The meals are dine in only and are being served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., or while supplies last. /Photo submitted



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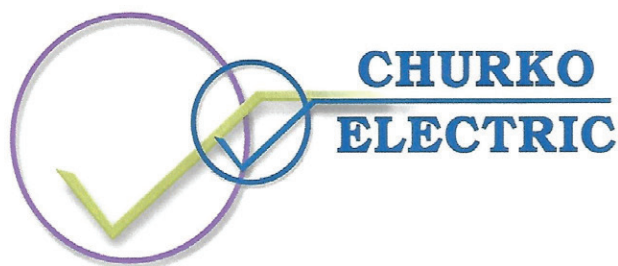
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Devolin wants to be Speaker of the House

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Local MP Barry Devolin is hoping that his "calm approach, contemplative nature and restrained partisanship" will earn him the trust of MPs around the country.

The 46-year-old Conservative is hoping to be chosen as the next Speaker of the House of Commons.

Not only is the Speaker the moderator of debates in Question Period but he or she is also "an important ambassador for Canada," Devolin says in a press release issued Monday morning. "Having lived for a year in Europe, a year and a half in Asia, and three years in the United States, I appreciate the importance of cultural sensitivity and protocol, and recognize the value of parliamentary diplomacy in promoting Canada's interests abroad."

Devolin has a B.A. and M.A. in political science. He was first elected to the House of Commons as the MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in 2004 and re-elected in 2006 and 2008.

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MATT JAMES/ECHO

Imagine War

Don Curry of the Haliburton Legion's colour party, stands at attention as Grade 6 J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School students Kristen McKee, left, and Noelle Russell recite their original poem "Imagine War" during the school's Remembrance Day assembly on November 10. See page 20.

Potential buyers check out updated condo plans

CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

The developers of the Watercolours condominium development, slated for construction on the shores of Haliburton's Head Lake, unveiled some new drawings of the project and answered questions from some of the building's potential residents at a public meeting last week.

The event, which was attended by more than 50 people, was held at Delta Pinestone Resort in Haliburton on November 4.

"There are a lot of buyers in here, I understand," said Ad Mahlo, president of the Toronto-based development company Symbol Communities Inc., as he addressed the crowd.

Many of the attendees were people who have put down \$500 deposits to reserve units in the planned four-storey, 150-unit complex.

"We're not going to go into very technical or specific details," Mahlo said, adding that many specifics of the project still have to be ironed out.

Rather, Mahlo said the gathering was an informal opportunity for buyers and potential buyers to check out updated drawings and floor plans and ask questions of the development team.

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